

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP
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Dieter Funk et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1791
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Application No.: 10/551,284)	Examiner: Cynthia Szewczyk
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Filed: July 27, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 1559
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For: PROCESS AND PLANT FOR THE)	
TREATMENT OF THE GLASS)	
SHEETS OF AN ASYMMETRIC)	
GLASS-SHEET PAIR)	

RESPONSE TO HOLDING OF LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

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Sir:

The Official Action of October 16, 2008, indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different Groups which lack unity of invention, and requires election of one of the Groups. As identified in the Official Action, the different Groups are as follows:

Group I, recited in Claims 1-7, drawn to a process for treating glass sheets;
and

Group II, recited in Claims 8-14, drawn to an apparatus for treating glass sheets.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, recited in Claims 1-7. The election is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. In one respect, the search required for the non-elected Group would be substantially coextensive with the search associated with the elected Group. In addition, examining all of the claims of this application at the same time would only involve

consideration of a few additional claims. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and examination of Claims 1-14 on their merits is therefore respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicants regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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